

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

The education section of the Woman's Club of Charlotte decided at a meeting Saturday to begin a formal campaign against coca-cola. "We are very much in earnest in the matter," said one of the clever, energetic members of the club to the Observer, "and our fight will be for the protection of both men and women and especially young people. We are sure that the drink is hurtful and everybody knows that it is injuring a large number of people in this city."

Within the past three weeks three of the largest and most useful educational institutions for the education of women have suffered greatly by fire. The State Normal and Industrial College lost its largest and chief building worth \$80,000; the Oxford Female Seminary was completely burned out, with a loss of \$40,000, and now the second oldest female college in the State, the Greensboro Female College, has been burned to the ground, involving a loss of something like \$100,000 to \$125,000, and closing the college.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: One is almost forced to the conclusion that some think it is not much harm for half-dozen men to join in killing another man. The case in Wilson Court in which six men were arraigned for killing Percy Jones some time last year, terminated in a submission to manslaughter and an agreement between counsel that terms should be short. Accordingly Judge Moore pronounced sentence to State's prison as follows: Whitley, Ward and Rich ten months each; Pittman, eight months; Allen and Bass, six months each.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: The fires in the tobacco towns in the Eastern part of the State have attracted the attention of the insurance men. One of these says he gave orders several months ago for the cancellation of all risks on tobacco. There are great quantities of leaf stores in the State, largely bought in the Autumn of 1902, when prices were high, but this tobacco would not now sell for more than half the sum paid for it. The decline in the price of tobacco has been one of the hardest blows ever given that industry east of Raleigh.

At a recent meeting of the Historical Commission it was decided to offer three prizes of an hundred dollars each to promote the discovery and investigation of the sources of North Carolina history. These may be found in the State and Colonial Records, newspaper files, court and church records, public libraries and museums, private libraries and old letters and manuscripts. To this end there was offered: One prize of an hundred dollars for the best history of any decade between 1781 and 1861 (excluding the period from 1791 to

1801 and from 1831 to 1841); one prize of an hundred dollars for the best history of any county in North Carolina; one prize of an hundred dollars for the best biography of any North Carolinian.

Tarboro Southerner: While in some sections of the county there has been not much moving comparatively there are a number of instances where everyone or nearly every laborer has left. On one farm where between fifteen and twenty plows are run only one family remains. Another near the Swift Creek Oil Mills told the reporter to-day that he had two hands with which to cultivate a seventeen horse crop. These instances are extremes, but farms where there is a decided scarcity of labor are not as rare over as we would wish. In short they are too numerous to be pleasant.

Greensboro Female College Burned.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—Fire early this morning destroyed the historic old Greensboro Female College, the loss aggregating in the neighborhood of \$65,000. The building and contents were insured for \$35,000 for the benefit of the bond holders and this amount will be applied to the bonded indebtedness of the college (\$40,000) when a settlement with the insurance companies is made. None of the insurance was held in the Greensboro companies.

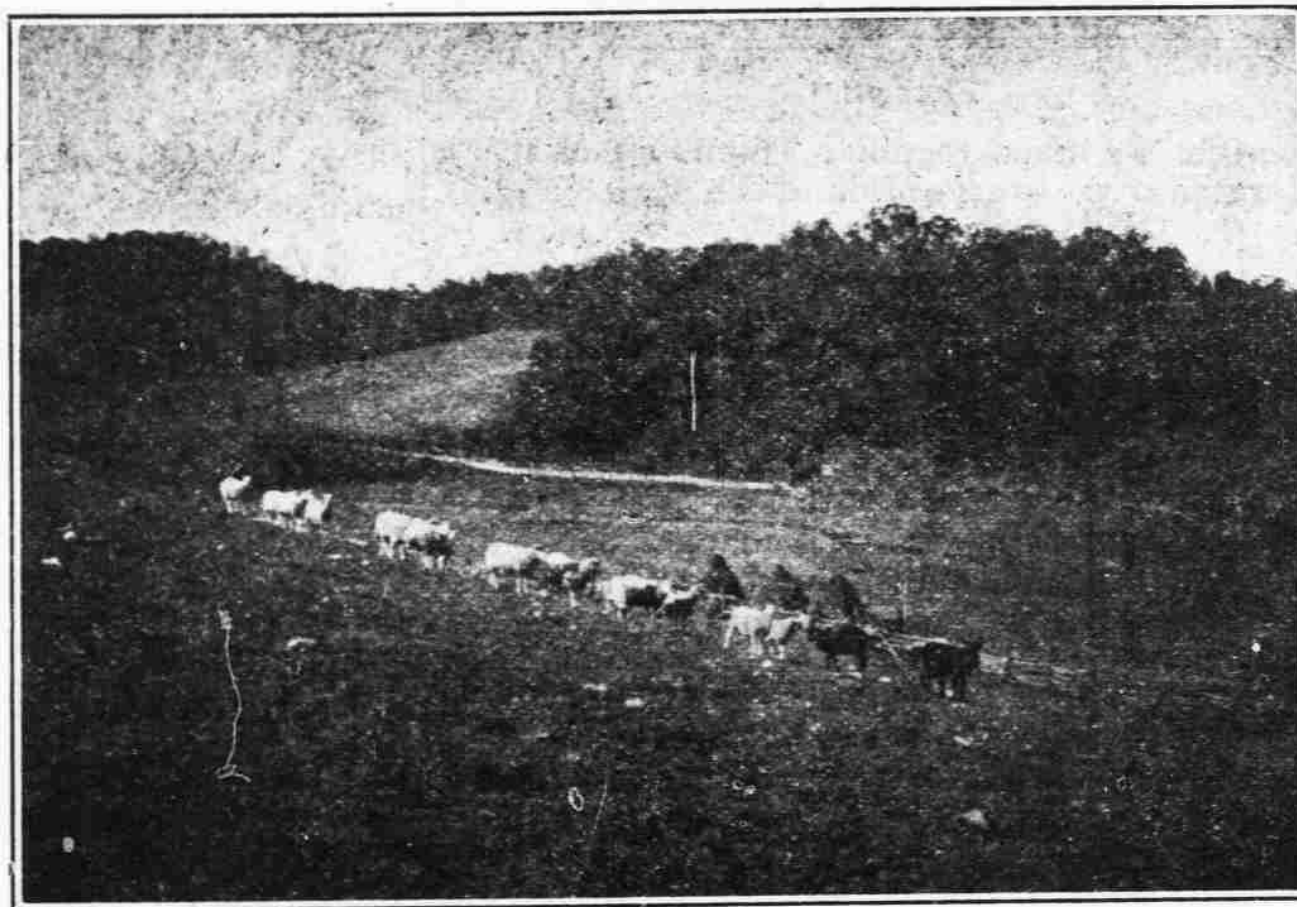
The fire was discovered by Miss Mary Hardin, a student who occupied a room on the third floor of the west wing at the rear. When she first saw the fire the flames were bursting through the roof over the music rooms at the rear of the rotunda in the chapel, which is located on the second floor of the central wing. She gave the alarm, which was flashed to all parts of the building, and the eighty or ninety occupants escaped without injury. The fire alarm was turned in at 2.25 and the firemen responded promptly, but when they arrived the building was enveloped in flames. Two streams of water were turned on the fire from a four-inch main which runs out to the college, but it was soon realized that the building would be consumed.

Hundreds of citizens assisted in removing furniture, trunks and other property, and most of the contents of the first and second floors was saved.

Chance for Bright Young North Carolinians.

President Venable, of the North Carolina University, and other members of the committee to award the two Rhodes scholarships to which North Carolina is entitled, have continued the examination of applicants to March 9th, at the State University. Applications will be received till March 1st.

Under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, the multi-millionaire, of South Africa, two young men in North Carolina can secure free scholarships in Oxford University, England. Here is a good chance for some bright young man to get an education at that world famous educational institution.



SCENE ON A WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA STOCK FARM ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

This section, as Mr. Samuel Archer has demonstrated in his articles in The Progressive Farmer, offers unrivalled opportunities for sheep raising. Another letter by Mr. Archer on the management of sheep, appears on page 3.

Business Men Who Want Your Trade.

We have especial pleasure in introducing to our readers this week a number of old reliable business firms that have not been represented in our columns for some time. The De Laval Separator is one of these, and every dairyman who reads The Progressive Farmer should make haste to get the new De Laval catalog. A postal will bring it. The Johnston Harvester Co., Batavia, N. Y., is one of the oldest and most successful implement manufacturing firms in the country. Read their announcement. Mr. John A. Young, of Greensboro, advertises his nurseries and makes a special gift offer to readers who mention The Progressive Farmer in ordering. The Oconeechee Farm ad is again with us. Now is the best time of year to get new blood and good blood into the poultry flock, and Oconeechee stock is famous for quality.

A new strawberry is advertised by Mr. Oscar L. Morris on page 14. Read his special offer.

Biltmore Farms have a new announcement in this number, regarding their poultry and Berkshires. Look it up.

Sherwood Higgs & Co., offer to send samples of their dress goods on request.

The Bostrom-Brady Manufacturing Company, 36 W. Alabama St., Atlanta, Ga., have a special large ad in this number which we commend to our readers. There is much force in their appeal: "Don't pay hundreds of dollars for fertilizers and let the rain wash them away when you can buy a Bostrom Improved Farm Level with Telescope for \$10 (one without Telescope for \$5), and save it all by properly terracing your farm. For irrigation and rice culture ditches, tile drainage, road building, laying out orchards, obtaining angles and foundation levels, there is no better instrument made." Write for descriptive circular and treatise on terracing. This subject deserves more attention than it receives from our farmers.

THE MARKETS

RALEIGH COTTON.

RALEIGH, Feb. 22, 1904.

Prices to-day	14 1/4 @ 14 1/2
Prices this date last year	9 7/8 @ 10
Receipts last week	9 bales
Receipts same week last year	205 bales
Receipts to date	12,879 bales
Receipts last year to date	13,272 bales

CHARLOTTE COTTON.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 22, 1904.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	13 7/8
Strict middling	13 3/4
Middling	13 1/2
Good middling tinges	13 1/2
Strict middling tinges	13 1/2
Middling tinges	13 1/4
Stains	12 1/2 @ 13 1/4

WILMINGTON PRODUCE.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 22, 1904.

Peanuts, Prime, N. C., bu., 28 lbs.	90
" Extra Prime, N. C., bu.	95
" Fancy	\$1.00
" Prime, Virginia, bu.	80
" Extra Prime, Virginia, bu.	85
" Fancy, Virginia	95
" Spanish	1.00
Corn, white, bu.	57 1/2 @ 80
N. C. bacon, hams, lb.	16 @ 16 1/2
" " shoulders	12 1/2
" " sides	12 1/2
Eggs, per dozen	23
Chickens, grown	25 @ 35
" spring	10 @ 22
Turkeys, lb.	12 1/2 @ 18
Beeswax	25 @ 26
Tallow	5 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Sweet potatoes, bu.	50 @ 55
Beef cattle, lb.	2 @ 3 1/2

CHARLOTTE PRODUCE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Chickens—spring	22
Eggs	22
Hens—per head	30 @ 35
Turkeys	13 @ 15
Corn	70 @ 75
Ducks	22 1/2
Wheat	\$1.00 @ 1.10
Wheat—seed	\$1.00 @ 1.40
Oats—feed	54 @ 56
Oats	70 @ 75
Rye	\$1.00
Hides—dry flint	10 @ 12
Hides—dry salt	8 @ 10
Hides—green, 25 and	6
Kips—green, 13 to 25	5
Calf skins, 5 to 12	50 @ 60
Calf skins, under 5	40 @ 50
Sheep skins, full wool	40 @ 60
Lamb skins	30 @ 45
Goat skins	15 @ 25
Tallow, No. 1 cakes	5
Tallow, No. 1 barrels	4 1/2
Beeswax No. 1	25
Wool	14 @ 22